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TO: School District Superintendents
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DATE: October 16, 2012

**SUBJECT: No Child Left Behind, Competitive Sub-grants to Eligible Partnerships
Teacher/Leader Quality Partnership Grants**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 replaced the Eisenhower Higher Education Professional Development Program with Title II, Part A, Subpart 3, competitive sub-grants to eligible partnerships. The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) administers the competitive grants for this program. The purpose of Title II, Part A, Subpart 3 is to:

- Increase student academic achievement through strategies such as improving teacher and principal quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers in the classroom and highly qualified principals and assistant principals in schools; and
- Hold local educational agencies and schools accountable for improvements in student academic achievement.

Through this communication requesting project proposals, WDE solicits partnership applications for funds. The funds will be used to provide high quality professional development opportunities in one or more of the core academic subjects and/or projects that support the instructional leadership of teachers and principals.

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The Teacher/Leader Quality Partnership Request for Proposal is available online at <http://gms.edu.wyoming.gov/wdeGMSWeb/logon.aspx>. The individuals who complete the Consolidated Grant application for all Wyoming school districts, and the community colleges and University have access to the Teacher Leader Quality Partnership application. Eligible districts and institutions of higher education that need initial access or need access for an additional individual to complete this application need to follow the "click here" link to request new GMS user access.

Wyoming has \$284,468.00 available to award to qualified applicants on a competitive basis. Proposals are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 7, 2012, and awards will be made on or about February 1, 2013. The award period will be February 2013 to September 30, 2014. Awards are expected to range upward from \$25,000.

Please note that a partnership must include:

- An institution of higher education and the division of the institution that prepares teachers and principals,
- A school of arts and sciences, and
- A high-need local educational agency (listed in the application Overview section, "Background Information", "Project Scope", and "Eligibility" tabs) are required for funding, but other districts may join a partnership that includes a high-need district, and are strongly encouraged to do so. Further information is provided in the application regarding other possible partners, funding guidance, and other requirements of Title II, Part A, Subpart 3.

We encourage you to use this opportunity to impact the professional development of the educators in the state of Wyoming to improve the academic achievement of students.

If we can provide further help, please feel free to contact Anne at 307-682-4550 or aochsgrants@yahoo.com or Carol at 307-777-8715 or carol.illian@wyo.gov

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